

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. TONKO, you are absolutely correct. This is where we stand. This is where we fight.

Ms. KAPTUR.

Ms. KAPTUR. Thank you so much, Congressman GARAMENDI and Congressman TONKO.

I just wanted to say on Social Security and Medicare, I'm proud to stand with my Democratic colleagues. Social Security is an earned benefit, and it's one that belongs to the American people. We all know its power, not just to allow seniors to live a decent life in their retirement years. But also it's power to lift the economy because seniors spend, mainly on their grandchildren. And they move those dollars into the economy. You watch with that cost-of-living increase, which I'm very happy about, next year, and the fact that the Medicare offset will not be so great that seniors will have extra buying power and they will watch every penny.

I am just so proud to be a part of a tradition of the Democratic Party that has fought for Social Security and has fought for Medicare, not just for the few but for all. And we have made the country a better country as a result.

So I think it's fair to say that, yes, it is true the Republican Party has fought Social Security. Can't they find something else? I don't know what the problem is when the vast majority of the American people, I think like 99.99 percent of the American people, agree with this. I don't know what their problem is. Maybe they're not living in reality most of the time.

I am just very proud to be a part of this tradition along with my colleagues and to say to our senior citizens that next year will be a better year than this year.

My hat's off to Franklin Roosevelt and Frances Perkins and all of the people that fought back in the 1930s to make this program part of the American way of life.

Mr. GARAMENDI. And then carried on in the 1960s with Medicare.

We have much to be thankful for as Americans, don't we?

Mr. TONKO. We do.

Mr. GARAMENDI. We have much to be thankful for. We are thankful for those men and women that served here in this House over the years that brought us to where we are—the world's strongest, greatest country with the greatest opportunity. Even with all of the troubles we have today, it's still a country with great opportunity.

Mr. TONKO. Absolutely.

Mr. GARAMENDI. It's a country in which the American Dream lives, and we have the obligation to make sure that it's there for future generations.

Mr. TONKO, we're going to do a rapid 30 seconds around.

Mr. TONKO. We've had a wonderful hour of discussion, and I give thanks for the wonderful investments that have made us this strong Nation. In conclusion, if we invest in the middle

class of this Nation, our greatest days lie ahead of us. We have a chance to be continually investing in a way that allows us to make it in America and allow for our intellectual capacity to reign supreme. It's been our history. It's our DNA. Let's make it happen. I'm optimistic about the tomorrows for this country with the appropriate investments.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Ms. KAPTUR.

Ms. KAPTUR. America has always been a Nation of great promise, a Nation of great hope; and I like to quote in my speeches the last four letters of the word "American" are "I can." It's positive energy. It's promise that we all work toward, and the American people know it. It's great to be a part of a party of hope and promise for the American people.

I say what a pleasure it has been to join my colleagues here this evening.

Mr. GARAMENDI. With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back with great thanks to my colleagues and for the opportunity to be a Member of Congress.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3463, TERMINATING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND AND ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 527, REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2011; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3010, REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2011

Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules (during the Special Order of Mr. GARAMENDI), submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-296) on the resolution (H. Res. 477) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3463) to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 527) to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3010) to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. SUTTON (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of travel delays.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3973. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ending June 30; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3974. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement: Fire-Resistant Fiber for Production of Military Uniforms (DFARS Case 2011-D021) (RIN: 0750-AH22) received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3975. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting first report on the Responsible Redeployment of U.S. Armed Forces from Iraq; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3976. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement: Simplified Acquisition Threshold for Humanitarian or Peacekeeping Operations (DFARS Case 2011-D032) (RIN: 0750-AH29) received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3977. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a study pursuant to the Conference Report of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3978. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement: Representation Relating to Compensation of Former DoD Officials (DFARS Case 2010-D020) (RIN: 0750-AG99) received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3979. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Labor Organization Officer and Employee Reports (RIN: 1215-AB74) (RIN: 1245-AA01) received October 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3980. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Frequency Regulation Compensation in the Organized Wholesale Power Markets [Docket Nos.: RM11-7-000 and AD10-11-000; Order No. 755] received October 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3981. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-36, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3982. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-38, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of